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Indian Carvers in Happier Days as they stood on giant 160 foot cedar which was later carved to world's tallest totem. Carving expert Chief Mungo Martin is at the left and next to him is son David who was lost at sea last month and presumed drowned. David had been trained by his father and was one of the few totem carvers left among the B.C. Indian population.

## Totem Carver David Martin Lost at Sea

The Native Voice joins many thousands of British Columbia natives in expressing sorrow over the tragic death of David Martin, one of the few remaining Indian carvers.

David Martin, 42, son of Mungo Martin, British Columbia's premier totem carver, fell from the salmon seiner "Annandale" while she was in Georgia Strait on her way to fishing port of Steveston on Fraser River.

The Annandale, owned by Loch-Western Fisheries of Vancouver, was on her way in Comox September 4 with empty hold when Martin stepped on the deck and fell overboard. A search by fishing vessels and an RCAF Canso failed to find any trace of him in the heavy seas.

Air Sea Rescue officially called off the search September 6, at the same time asking fish-

ing vessels in Georgia Strait to keep a lookout for the body. David Martin who had been

fishing out of Alert Bay and Courtenay, was the only son of 79 year old Chief Mungo Martin

of the Kwakiutl, acknowledged as one of the finest totem carvers this province has produced and today the greatest living practitioner of an almost lost art.

## Capilano Tribe Mourns Passing of Beloved Ellen

The Native Voice extends deepest sympathy to Chief Mathias Joe Capilano, aged Chief of the Lower Capilano Band and his family in the loss of their beloved wife and mother.

Funeral services for the late Ellen Joe were conducted by the Reverend Father Price at St. Paul's Indian Church in North Vancouver on Saturday, September 19th. Ellen was laid to rest in the Capilano Burial Grounds on the Hill with other

members of the Capilano family.

Indians from far and near came to pay their respects to this beloved lady. Her kindness and gentleness made her loved by all who knew her.

Dear Ellen had been crippled with arthritis for some time. As a result, she accidentally upset an electric heater and her clothing caught fire. She suffered terrible burns before being taken to St. Paul's Hospital.

Ellen never recovered, passing away in the hospital a few days later.

This fine old lady is survived by her husband, Chief Mathias Joe Capilano and her son William (Buffalo) and daughter Posey, her only living children. Also surviving are sixteen grandchildren.

Ellen will be greatly missed by her host of friends and her relatives, all of whom will fondly remember this gentle woman.

David Martin served a four year apprenticeship with his father, starting when he was 17, and with his brother-in-law, Henry Hunt, worked with Chief Mungo on the 100-foot totem pole presented to Queen Elizabeth as a centennial gift from the province.

But, although the totems carved by British Columbia's Native people find an honored place in museums around the world and have been extensively commercialised in the province to attract the tourist trade, David Martin was compelled to return to fishing because he could not earn his livelihood from his art.





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## Why Not in B.C.?

THE Park and Recreation committee announced the plans for Macy Park in Nebraska. The area will include 10 square miles of Omaha Tribal lands now being used for pasture, and for recreational purposes. The land in this area has been labeled the "most picturesque and colorful spot in the state of Nebraska." To leave this area undeveloped in a long range plan would be folly, as a low estimate of anticipated income and revenue is in the neighborhood of \$30,000 per year.

The park will employ three full time caretakers and one part time, also several summer seasonal workers with opportunity for tribal members to open concessions of Indian arts and crafts. Houses will be built for the caretakers, and water piped from the mineral springs in this area.

All weather roads to be built with grading of trails. Directly below Council Point, a lake will be dredged for stocking of game fish. Other water ways will be opened for inland boating and canoeing. Docks will be placed along the river frontage.

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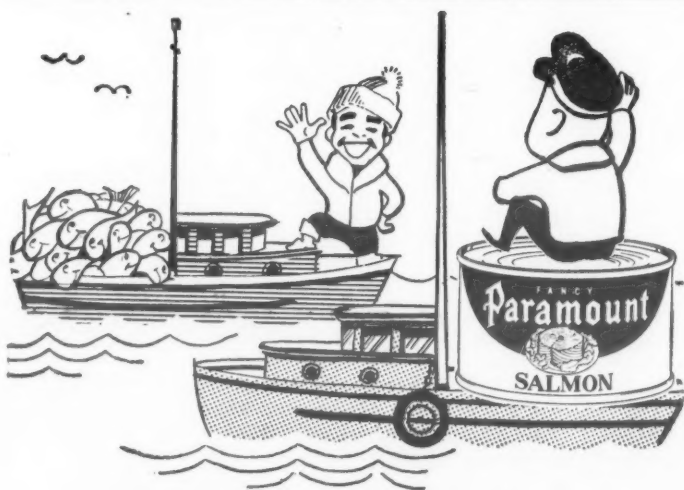
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Editor,

I'm back in harness again. Many thanks for your assistance and interest in the Indian Workers' Conference. We hope you had a reporter to get the news first hand.

While we were away we visited the Klamath Reservation in Oregon. We had an interview with one of the men and learned many very interesting ideas and how they are carrying them through. I would like to come in sometime when I am able to come down town.

Sorry I was not able to sell any subscriptions. I was only at the Conference on the Thursday night and most of the people I spoke to already were subscribing. I was told many very complimentary things about your special issue. We sold 6 of the 10 and I am returning 4. Also a cheque, please fill in the amount.

We are starting a scrapbook so may be in to get some of your old copies.

(Mrs. R.J.) MARGARET LOVE

## Mrs. Hurley's Turn to Brag

The following excerpt from a story in The Dorval Reporter has brought a gleam of pride to the eyes of Native Voice publisher Maisie Hurley:

"Fred Hill, Strathmore's 16 year old flash, won five races to gain the day's high individual honors with 25 points, and the right to hold the Percy Walters Memorial Trophy for the ensuing year.

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"This outstanding young swimmer was also presented with a silver cup as a permanent memento of the signal honor won by him on the occasion, donated by Mr. G. Webster of the Pine Beach Community Association".

Mrs. Hurley is mighty proud of her champion grandson. For Fred Hill is the son of Maisie's daughter Miriam and Fred Hill, the well-known TV and radio singer.

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## 'No Indians Allowed'

The following pointed letter appeared in a recent issue of the Vancouver Sun:

Editor, The Sun: Sir,—In this great democracy of Canada, a part of the great Commonwealth of democracies, where we are supposed to benefit by the pattern of British justice which guarantees to each individual a status of equality, I find I and my family are without status in the community.

I am an Indian by birth. I married off the reserve. Now, I have neither the status of an Indian nor that of a Canadian citizen in this community.

We go to a community hall for movies, where we are forced to sit on the side of the hall commonly referred to as the "Indian side."

On Friday, Sept 4, a car was raffled at \$5 a ticket, and a giant bingo and dance was held for a good cause — our community firefighters.

The day of the bingo a car drove through the village and the Indian reserve, complete with loud speaker announcing "Bingo and dance! Everyone welcome!"

Everyone turned out, Indian and white, the greatest amount of money being spent by the Indian and part-Indian people.

When the bingo was over none of the Indian or part-Indian people was allowed to remain for the dance and car draw. We were bluntly told:

"No Indians allowed."

Although I'm an Indian by birth, I'm a Canadian citizen and a taxpayer of the community. Can someone tell me what my status is?

Neither I nor my family welcome at the Indian hall because we are Canadian citizens. At our community hall we pushed out because they us Indians.

Bewilderedly yours,  
(Mrs.) Louis (Sany) Erickson  
Box 41, Fort St. James.

## Noted US Visitor To 'Native Voice'

The Native Voice has a charming visitor in the person of Marion E. Gridley, Editor and Publisher of The American Indian, American Indian, 30 W. Washington St., Chicago 2, Illinois, U.S. This very interesting and informative Indian paper which covers Indian culture, and anything pertaining to Indians.

Miss Gridley was the guest of our famous carvers Neels who are now at West Rock, B.C.

Our Sisterhood President in town and came to discuss matters pertaining to the Native Voice and the welfare of our people.

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## Noted Fishing Figure Passes After Illness

Henry Bell-Irving of West Vancouver passed away in September at the age of 72 following a long illness, cutting a path with the early days of British Columbia fishing industry.

## New Subscriber Takes 'Warning'

Sirs: I enclose money for \$1.50 for which please send me as a new subscriber your paper, The Native Voice, for one year, beginning the January, 1959, issue. Recently a friend of mine sent me a copy of The Native Voice for January, where I saw an article "A Message to the North American Indians" by Herbert C. Holdridge, which I found immensely interesting. I think this warning goes not only to the Indian but to all youth of North America. I hope that young folk will heed this warning.

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I know hundreds of our Indian friends along the coast will join the Native Voice in expressing deepest sympathy to his dear wife and family.

—MAISIE HURLEY

## Letter to Editor

Editor:  
I'm sorry I haven't written any sooner than now to let you know a few things going on around here. The two tribes of Alberni had a shower for Cecil Mack, they got burned out and lost all their belongings, this was their second time to be burned out in the last few years. They got some real nice things, the Sisterhood gave them pots and pans.

The Allied Tribes and Sisterhood are having a gathering this week-end. A dance on Saturday, a meeting Sunday afternoon and a horse game and soft ball games on all days so I guess it will be a busy week-end for everyone. I'm trying to talk Hugh into going to Ucluelet, the roads are kind of rough.

I would like the Native Voice sent to me. What is the price a year and where do you write when we have have anything we'd like in the paper?

Thank you for all the reports.  
MRS. GRACE WATTS.

## Anglican Synod Discusses Indian Residential Schools

St. Anne De Bellevue, Quebec (C.P.) — The Anglican Church of Canada's 20th general synod has given virtual unanimous approval to the revised edition of the Book of Common Prayer.

More aid was asked for Missionaries. Later the synod discussed Canadian missions, particularly the residential schools for more than 2,000 Indians and Eskimos run by the Anglican Church with the assistance of grants from the Department of Indian Affairs.

Reverend Adam Cuthand, Principal of an Indian School at Montreal Lake, Saskatchewan, and a full blooded Cree said the Indians Affairs department is trying to place children of migrant parents or from broken homes in foster homes so they will not lose the benefits of family life while at school.

He also stressed the need of orienting white teachers to Indian social and family conditions. "You can't take a man from an Ontario parish and put him in an Indian school and expect him to know Indians", Mr. Cuthand said.

Arch Deacon A. Spence of Wilkie, Saskatchewan, a part-Indian minister, said the process could work both ways, "I have just spent several years in a 'white' parish", he said "and learned a lot". He also asked the school administrators to proceed slowly towards integration. Some Indians are ready for it, but many are not. Delegates approved a 1960 budget of \$1,230,000 introduced by Bishop R. H. Waterman of Nova Scotia.

Editor's Note: Reverend Adam Cuthand is the brother of the Reverend Stanley Cuthand who is now at Cardston, Alberta. It is wonderful that these splendid Native Canadians are helping to advance the conditions of their own people educationally and in every way because being Indian, they can really get to the heart of their own people.

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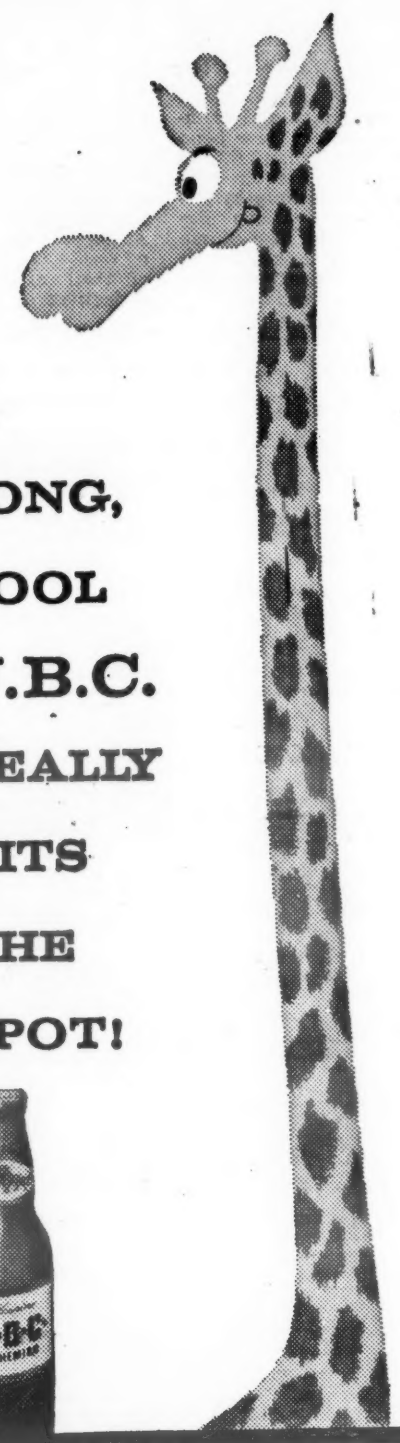
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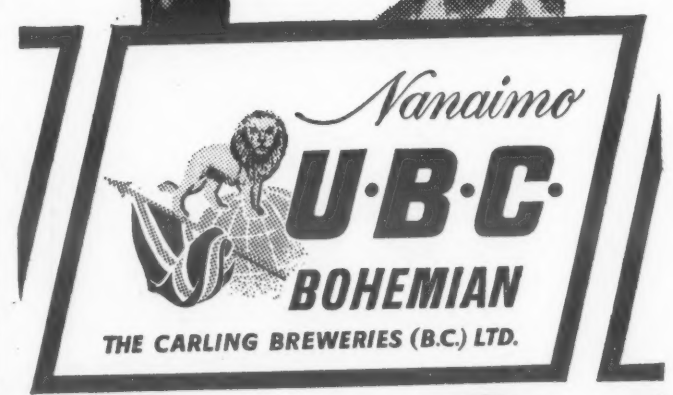
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# Native News from Saskatchewan

The first meeting of the Canadian Native Society was held Friday, September 4th, at the YWCA with 16 members present.

Mr. Eddie Stonechild is unable to continue as Editor of our Newsletter. We wish to thank him for the excellent job he has done over the past few months. Various members have agreed to edit the letter during the coming year. We would appreciate items of interest sent to the Editor of the month. For October, this will be Mr. and Mrs. A. H. Brass, L.A. 2-7885. Our November Editors will be Mr. and Mrs. Walter Dieter, JO 9-2054.

Fifteen young men and women 19-26 years of age have been chosen by the Indian Affairs Branch to continue their education. They are coming to Regina from their various Reserves for 6 months. The course will be held at Saskatchewan House. This is an experiment, and if it is successful, many

more young Indians may have such an opportunity next year.

The Canadian Native Society has been asked to help find suitable boarding places for them. They each require a room for quiet study as it will take a real effort to complete this course. Members who have suitable accommodation, and are interested in providing room and board at \$60 a month, should contact Mr. A. H. Brass, L.A. 2-7885, or the Department of Indian Affairs. We welcome these young people to the city and extend a cordial invitation for them to attend our meetings and social functions.

Several of our members have already appeared on the Joy Perkins T.V. show: Mrs. Eleanor Brass on September 1st showed her miniature display of Indian Camp Life, Mr. Walter Balhead, President, and Mr. A. H. Brass, Treasurer, appeared on September 3rd. The topic of their discussion was "The Objectives of the Canadian Na-

tive Society". Mona and Marcine Delorame played the Guitar and sang. Mrs. Dorothy Francis was to appear on September 10th to tell an Indian Legend.

This show is a wonderful opportunity to educate both Indians and non-Indians. We shall try to answer some of the questions our non-Indian friends ask about us. We shall try to give leadership to the Regina Indians, and show the pitfalls and opportunities of living in a large community. We hope our

Metis members will co-operate in this venture. Mr. Walter Stonechild and Mrs. Inis Dieter have been appointed to help arrange future appearances. If you have any constructive ideas contact either of these members.

Mr. Abel Watetch has just had his book "Piaut and His People" published. The Saskatchewan History and Folklore Society financed this publication because it is written from the viewpoint of the Indian. It is the only bit of Saskatchewan

history that has not been recorded strictly from the viewpoint of non-Indians. The book is of particular interest to our society. Copies of this book can be bought from Mr. Brass, L.A. 2-7885, for one dollar.

At the recent pow-wow at Sioux Bridge near Qu'Appelle, Mr. Morris was first in a dance contest. Reuben Ryder from Sinit was second and Mr. Muscov from Kamsack third.

In the competition with group from Newtown, N.D., Chas. Chase of Newtown was first. There were twelve groups of singers and dancers from Saskatchewan and one from U.S.A.

Bill Dubois is back in Regina for a 45 day leave after a tour of two years with the Canadian Army in Germany. He enjoyed this experience but is glad to be home again. He will be stationed in Calgary after leave.

## Lost Mine's Curse Dogs Valley Trio

The curse of B.C.'s Lost Creek Gold mine dogged three Aldergrove men for 10 days.

In a valley 20 miles northwest of Pitt Lake, the trio watched in awe as dense fog rolled in, huge mountain slides thundered down around them, lightning bolts split the sky and heavy rain drenched them to the skin.

Don Gray, Alf Newman and Bob Blakey, full-time farmers and amateur prospectors, were hunting for the legendary gold mine of the Indian Slumach.

"There must be something in the curse," said Blakey today, "because we didn't find any gold."

"We weren't exactly frightened, but it certainly made us think."

Blakey said the heavy rain caused them to run from several floods.

"We were soaked to the skin for four days."

"I still think there is gold there. We found lots of black sand where free, or nugget, gold is usually found," he said.

The trio flew into the head of the lake August 30, and walked 20 miles in 3½ days carrying tents, sleeping bags and food.

They came out of the bush late Tuesday.

They brought some hardrock samples, which will be assayed.

Blakey said they will return to the area next summer to continue hunting for the mine, which, according to legend has claimed the lives of 20 to 30 men.

Slumach, who was supposed to have found the mine and brought out gold on many secret trips was hanged for murder in 1891.

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